



Statement by the delegation of Nepal

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Madam President

Nepal thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of his report.

Rights of Indigenous Peoples have been guaranteed in the Constitution of Nepal including the right to participate in the State bodies on the basis of principle of proportional inclusion.

Participation of indigenous nationalities in decision-making on issues of their concerns, interests, and welfare have been addressed in sustainable development policies and programs.

Encouragement for the community-based development efforts remain our priority that includes adaptation to climate change through local level initiatives.

The Indigenous Nationalities Commission as well as the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities are working for the social and economic empowerment, cultural development as well as for strengthening equal participation in the mainstream of national development.

The strong presence of National Human Rights Commission and constructive engagement of the civil society and all relevant stakeholders have greatly contributed to the promotion and protection of human rights of the indigenous peoples in the country.

I thank you.